

Let Independence Be Our Boast

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Quartet

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Allegretto mosso

The musical score is written for a quartet and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked 'Allegretto mosso'. The score consists of four systems. The first system shows the piano introduction with a treble and bass staff. The second system begins the vocal entry with a treble staff and piano accompaniment. The third system contains the vocal lyrics for four parts. The fourth system shows the piano accompaniment with chord symbols: D, A7, D, A, D, G, F#/G, G, A/E, E7, and A.

1. Hail, — Co - lum - bia's na - tal day! Hail men of glo - rious mem - o - ry, Who
2. Sons — of pa - triots, mark the hour, A - gain the storms of bat - tle low'r, And
3. Sound — the clar - ion trump a - gain; Re - sound our war - riors' deeds of fame, Till
4. Hail to the chief who now com - mands, Who for his coun - try firm - ly stands To

D A7 D A D G F#/G G A/E E7 A

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fought and bled in free - dom's cause, For hu - man rights and e - qual laws.
 trea - son stalks, then "on ye brave!" De - fend the boon your fa - thers gave;
 eve - ry clime, to free - dom dear, Shall an - swer with a joy - ful tear.
 breast the storm, with pur - pose true, His faith a - bides in heav'n and you.

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Be in - de - pend - ence still our boast, Be - queathed to us at such a cost,
 "The world's last hope;" in cause so just, In Heav'n we put a man - ly trust,
 With cour - age, skill, and hands of might, They march, the cham - pions le - gions cease
 When hope was sink - ing in dis - may, When gloom ob - scured the na - tions's day,

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Ev - er grate - ful for the prize, — Let its al - tars reach the skies.
That right shall ev - er - more pre - vail, And eve - ry scheme of bond - age fail.
Nor shall their con - quering le - gions cease Till re - bels sue for par - don, peace.
His po - tent voice, with firm de - cree, Pro - claimed the dawn of LIB - ER - TY.

D A7 Em7/B G/B G D/F# D Em/G D/A A7 D

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Unison

Firm, u - nit - ed — let us be, — Ral - ly - ing round our — lib - er - ty!

30 Parts

As a band of broth - ers joined, — Peace and free - dom we shall find.

D A D G D A7 D